

The Marquee

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From Ric . . .



The Sleeping Giant Rises:

AKT. Once again we are at an ongoing crossroads. We thrive at each convention. Those of us who participate grow and enjoy and have fun. But we struggle to self-actualize as an organization. I'm sorry that it has been so long since the last newsletter. As you can see from Sally's note, she has left us which left me with a pile of notes, the checkbook, a few bills, enough money to make it through the rest of the year, and the responsibility of communicating with all of you.

I love communicating, I've just been a bit overwhelmed with opening Apple Valley and getting "My Fair Lady" ready at Lawrence's Summer Youth Theatre.

Now that the smoke from those activities is clearing and before the fires of fall Seem-To-Be's begin to get out of control, I grab the helm of our organization and zip out this missive to all of you.

What led us all to the world of non-profit living? (An entirely apt description of life in the arts.) Abundance of people

and relationships and little victories -- Love of truth and morality -- Disgust with blind hatred and cruelty -- a sense that there are rituals in life that enable us to see a harmony of hope.

I can wax poetic with the best of them and still be late publishing a newsletter. Is it too little too late, or will I see all of in Chanute, in Independence, across the State being the Association of Kansas Theatre? Only the next installment of the Marquee will tell. Stay tuned.

Job Opening: Again? Again!
We need a new executive director. We need someone who knows theatre and loves to work hard for very little money! Know anyone? Prefer Topeka/Lawrence or I-70 corridor location (Though we're not ruling out Wichita or Hugoton). Salary -- \$6,000 for the year -- this is part time! Call Ric Averill or Email or Fax with ideas!

AKT Board Meeting -- OPEN, OPEN, OPEN

Chanute Community Theatre -- Sunday, July 21st -- meeting at 1:00 PM at the Theatre's home and then a picnic with music hosted by Chanute Community Theatre. Anyone can come and we hope that everyone will! This

is our big yearly planning meeting. If you'd like to become a board member -- come join us and sample our wild and crazy administrative style. Call for directions to the meeting.

STATE-WIDE PLANS:

We need all your seasons for the Fall Marquee. We will publish a directory of your theatres, box office #s and season in the Newsletter that will come out in August. This should cover your entire 1996-97 season if possible so we can take up space in a Marquee but once.

Eric Hayashi of the Kansas Arts Commission and Ric Averill (me) will be meeting in early July to talk about the future of AKT. Where should we be housed? What other things can we do for the state, etc. etc. I'll have a report at the Chanute Meeting.

CONVENTION UPDATE:

Community Theatres that are planning AACT/FEST entries and received last year's mini-grants can expect payment in mid-October. We will be contacting you and letting you know what additional information we need from you. Plan on attending all aspects of the convention in Independence -- it looks to be a great one!

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Call for '97 Convention/AACT-FEST Chairs and '99 AACT-FEST Site!

The AKT Board of Directors is already planning for your '97 AACT-FEST in Independence at Independence Community College on March 6 - 9, 1997. Chairpersons are needed now. Please call the AKT Central Office for more information. If your theatre organization would like to host the '99 AACT-FEST, please get in touch with the AKT Central Office as well!

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